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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Subject: National Intelligence Authority

On 22 January 1946, the President designated the Secretaries of State, War, and Navy as the NIA, and on 23 January, appointed Fleet Admiral Leahy as his personal representative on this Authority.

The present secretary of this Authority is Mr. John S. Earman, who is also a member of Admiral Hillenkoetter's staff.

I asked Mr. Earman if there were a schedule of meetings, or if one was contemplated in the near future. He replied that there was no regular schedule and that meetings were held usually when proposed by one of the members of the NIA.

He said there is one matter which will be ready for discussion shortly. Since it could not be discussed over the phone, I asked if he could come over today and inform me as to the subject so that I could present the situation to you.

Respectfully,

C. A. Buchanan
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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In my conversation yesterday with Mr. Earmen, Secretary of the NIA, I told him of your opinion that the NIA should meet once a month. I added that I thought your feeling was that, even though there was no specific matter ready for presentation and approval by the NIA, you still considered it your responsibility as a member of the NIA to periodically be brought up to date on what the IAB (Intelligence Advisory Board), as well as the Central Intelligence Group, were doing.

The Intelligence Advisory Board is composed of the following:

Admiral Inglis, Director of Naval Intelligence
General Chamberlain, Director of Intelligence, War
Department General Staff
General McDonald, Assistant of Air Staff Intelligence
Mr. William A. Eddy, Special Assistant to Secretary of
State for Research and Intelligence

Admiral Hillenkoetter, Director of Central Intelligence,
Chairman

Mr. Earmen agreed with the idea of regularly scheduled meetings, as did Admiral Hillenkoetter, and a meeting of the NIA has been scheduled for Thursday, 28 June. The subject matter of a paper which the IAB hopes to have ready to present to the NIA at this next meeting concerns Intelligence Production. In general, this paper will define the lines of responsibility between State, War, Navy, and Air, in the preparation and presentation of intelligence; for example, State Department would cover the political and economic field, and Army, Navy, and Air their own branches throughout the world.

Respectfully,

C. A. Buchanan

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THE SECRETARY

Subject: Next meeting of NIA, scheduled for
Thursday, 26 June.

Admiral Inglis informs me that at the coming meeting,
General Marshall will have Mr. Eddy (Assistant Secre-
tary of State for Research and Intelligence), and
Secretary Patterson will have the Army G-2, General
Chamberlain, with him.

Admiral Inglis suggests that he accompany you to this
meeting, with which I heartily concur.

May I tell him that he will go with you?

He would like about fifteen minutes with you sometime
before the meeting next Thursday.

Respectfully,

G. A. Buchanan

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Subject: Your conversation with Admiral Inglis this morning.

Admiral Inglis has contacted General Chamberlain, who has agreed to brief Mr. Patterson before the meeting this Thursday. General Chamberlain thinks that Secretary Patterson will not take the initiative in recommending that the delegation of authority, by the NIA to the Director of Central Intelligence, previously approved, be rescinded. However, General Chamberlain believes that Mr. Patterson will agree to back you up if you take the initiative. General Chamberlain agrees that an IAB agenda should be gotten out and circularized before the meeting.

With respect to the State Department, Admiral Inglis talked to Mr. Eddy, who agrees on the agenda but hesitates to recommend to Secretary Marshall that the matter of delegation of authority by the NIA should now be reversed. Mr. Eddy seems to feel that the matter can be gotten around by clarifying the previous agreement without completely revoking it. Mr. Eddy asks to have twenty-four hours to think it over.

In view of the above, Admiral Inglis is reticent to go directly to Mr. Lovett until the latter has been advised as to how his deputy, Mr. Eddy, feels about the subject.

I agreed with Admiral Inglis that he should not approach Mr. Lovett until Mr. Eddy had had time to think it over.

Respectfully,

C. A. Buchanan

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